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SUBJ: PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATOR ASSASSINATED

1. ETHIOPIAN MEDIA ANNOUNCED JAN 21 ASSASSINATION OF KAFFA
PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATOR COL KASSAYE MANDEFRO WHO REPORTEDLY
KILLED ON WAY TO WORK. KASSAYE WELL RESPECTED POLICE OFFICIAL
WITH LAW DEGREE WHO HAD BEEN CHIEF OF ETHIOPIAN INTERPOL
DEPT FROM 1963 UNTIL AT LEAST 1968. HE APPOINTED KAFFA AD-
MINISTRATOR IN OCT 1975. KASSAYE REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN WAGING
VERY ACTIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST ALLEGED EPRP MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY
IN PROVINCIAL CAPITAL, JIMMA, WHERE 35 ACCUSED MEMBERS AL-
LEGEDLY EXECUTED PUBLICLY EARLY PAST WEEK. KASSAYE IN ADDIS
ABABA END OF LAST WEEK, APPARENTLY TO ATTEND MEETING OF ALL
14 PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATORS. ALTHOUGH IDENTITY OF AS-
SASSIN UNKNOWN, IT LOGICAL TO ASSUME IT EPRP. KASSAYE NO RPT
NO RELATION TO ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR TO US AYALEW MANDEFRO.

2. MEDIA ALSO ANNOUNCED ASSASSINATION OF TWO OTHER LOW LEVEL
PRO-GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN GONDAR PROVINCE JAN 21.
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